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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:257625 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200400257427
TITLE: Controlling starch synthesis.
AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, Arthur*** [Inventor, Reprint Author];
Levin, Ilan [Inventor]; Petreikov, Marina [Inventor]; Bar,
Moshe [Inventor]
CORPORATE SOURCE: Hashmonaim, Israel
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Office Patents, (Apr 13 2004) vol. 1281, No. 2.
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ISSN: 0098-1133 (ISSN print).
DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent
LANGUAGE: English
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 12 May 2004
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AB A method for controlling starch synthesis in tomatoes including providing
a population of plants derived from interspecific crosses of
Lycopersicon spp. with ***Lycopersicon*** esculentum
genotypes, and selecting individuals of the population that each contain
an allele of a gene that increases starch synthesis, the gene originating
from the ***Lycopersicon*** spp.

L4 ANSWER 2 OF 33 CABA COPYRIGHT 2004 CABI on STN
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:55701 CABA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20043026024
TITLE: Cloning, expression and characterization of LeFRK3,
the fourth ***tomato*** (***Lycopersicon***
esculentum Mill.) gene encoding fructokinase
AUTHOR: German, M. A.; Asher, I.; Petreikov, M.; Dai, N.;
Schaffer, A. A. ; Granot, D.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Field and Garden Crops, Agricultural
Research Organization, The Volcani Center, Bet Dagan
50250, Israel. granot@agri.gov.il
SOURCE: Plant Science, (2004) vol. 166, No. 2, pp. 285-291.
26 ref.
Publisher: Elsevier Science Ltd. Oxford
ISSN: 0168-9452
PUB. COUNTRY: United Kingdom
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
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AB A full-length cDNA encoding a novel fourth fructokinase, LeFRK3, was
cloned from green ***tomato*** (***Lycopersicon*** esculentum
Mill.) fruits. The putative protein shares 70, 65.5 and 69% amino acid
homology with the three previously identified ***tomato***
fructokinases encoded by LeFRK1, LeFRK2 and LeFRK4, respectively. This
fourth fructokinase has signature patterns of the pfkB family of
carbohydrate kinases as well as substrate recognition sites and an
ATP-binding domain. Confirmation for its fructokinase activity was

to phosphorylate or grow on either glucose or fructose as LeFRK3 complemented growth on fructose but not on glucose. Moreover, soluble crude protein extracts prepared from the transformed yeast cells revealed fructose but not glucose phosphorylation activity. In contrast to the LeFRK1 gene product which is inhibited neither by fructose nor by Mg, and to LeFRK2 gene product which is inhibited by both fructose and Mg, the LeFRK3 product is inhibited by fructose but not by Mg. Separation by HPLC-ion exchange chromatography pointed to the gene product of LeFRK3 as the protein responsible for the third peak of fructokinase activity (FKIII), sharing the same pattern of fructose inhibition previously identified with FKIII in ***tomato*** fruits. Mapping of ***tomato*** fructokinases indicated that LeFRK3 is located on chromosome 2, unlike LeFRK1 (chromosome 3), LeFRK2 (chromosome 6), and LeFRK4 (chromosome 10). The relative expression levels of the four known FRK genes in different ***tomato*** organs were analyzed by quantitative RT-PCR. LeFRK2 and LeFRK3 are the predominant genes expressed in all organs with LeFRK3 having the highest level of expression in leaves and apices. LeFRK4 is expressed only in stamens. This differential expression patterns combined with the different biochemical characteristics of the four FRK isozymes suggest that each plays a different role in plant development.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:132797 CABA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20033106461
TITLE: Suppression of fructokinase encoded by LeFRK2 in ***tomato*** stem inhibits growth and causes wilting of young leaves
AUTHOR: German, M. A.; Dai, N.; Matsevitz, T.; Hanael, R.; Petreikov, M.; Bernstein, N.; Ioffe, M.; Shahak, Y.; ***Schaffer, A. A.***; Granot, D.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Field and Garden Crops, Agricultural Research Organization, The Volcani Center, Bet Dagan 50250, Israel. granot@agri.huji.ac.il
SOURCE: Plant Journal, (2003) Vol. 34, No. 6, pp. 837-846. 36 ref.
Publisher: Blackwell Science. Oxford
ISSN: 0960-7412
PUB. COUNTRY: United Kingdom
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
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AB Fructokinases catalyze the key step of fructose phosphorylation in plants. LeFRK2, the major fructokinase-encoding gene in ***tomato*** plants, is abundantly expressed in roots, stems, and fruits. To analyze the role of LeFRK2 in plant development, we analysed transgenic ***tomato*** plants with sense and antisense expression of StFRK, the potato homologue of LeFRK2. Increased fructokinase activity had no effect. However, plants in which LeFRK2 was specifically suppressed, either via antisense suppression or via co-suppression, exhibited growth inhibition and wilting of young leaves at daytime. Grafting experiments indicated that a stem interstock of antisense plants was sufficient to inhibit growth and cause leaf wilting. Stem secondary xylem exhibited particular suppression of LeFRK2 and the area of active xylem, estimated by eosin uptake, was significantly smaller in antisense stem compared to that of wild-type plants. These results suggest that LeFRK2 might be required for proper development of xylem that affected growth and wilting.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:44181 CABA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20033011860
TITLE: Cloning and functional expression of alkaline [alpha]-galactosidase from melon fruit: similarity to plant SIP proteins uncovers a novel family of plant glycosyl hydrolases
AUTHOR: Carmi, N.; Zhang GenFa; Petreikov, M.; Gao ZhiFang; Eyal, Y.; Granot, D.; ***Schaffer, A. A.***; Zhang, G. F.; Gao, Z. F.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Field and Garden Crops, ARO, Volcani Center, Bet Dagan 50250, Israel. vcaris@volcani.agri.gov.il
SOURCE: Plant Journal, (2003) Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 97-106. 36 ref.
Publisher: Blackwell Science. Oxford
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
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AB Raffinose and stachyose are ubiquitous galactosyl-sucrose oligosaccharides in the plant kingdom which play major roles, second only to sucrose, in photoassimilate translocation and seed carbohydrate storage. These sugars are initially metabolised by [alpha]-galactosidases ([alpha]-gal). We report the cloning and functional expression of the first genes, CmAGA1 and CmAGA2, encoding for plant [alpha]-gals with alkaline pH optima from melon fruit (*Cucumis melo* L.), a raffinose and stachyose translocating species. The alkaline [alpha]-gal genes show very high sequence homology with a family of undefined 'seed imbibition proteins' (SIPs) which are present in a wide range of plant families. In order to confirm the function of SIP proteins, a representative SIP gene, from ***tomato***, was expressed and shown to have alkaline [alpha]-gal activity. Phylogenetic analysis based on amino acid sequences shows that the family of alkaline [alpha]-gals shares little homology with the known prokaryotic and eukaryotic [alpha]-gals of glycosyl hydrolase families 27 and 36, with the exception of two cross-family conserved sequences containing aspartates which probably function in the catalytic step. This previously uncharacterized plant-specific [alpha]-gal family of glycosyl hydrolases, with optimal activity at neutral-alkaline pH likely functions in key processes of galactosyl-oligosaccharide metabolism, such as during seed germination and translocation of RFO photosynthate.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:69240 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND23297255
TITLE: LeFRK4, a novel ***tomato*** (***Lycopersicon***
esculentum Mill.) fructokinase specifically expressed
in stamens.
AUTHOR(S): German, M.A.; Dai, N.; Chmelnitsky, I.; Sobolev, I.;
Salts, Y.; Barg, R.; ***Schaffer, A.A.*** ; Granot,
D.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK1.P5)
SOURCE: Plant science, Sept 2002. Vol. 163, No. 3. p. 607-613
Publisher: Oxford, UK : Elsevier Science Ltd.
CODEN: PLSCE4; ISSN: 0168-9452
NOTE: Includes references
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
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LANGUAGE: English

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:69234 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND23297249
TITLE: The ***tomato*** hexokinase LeHXK1 cloning,
mapping, expression pattern and phylogenetic
relationships.
AUTHOR(S): Dai, N.; Kandel-Kfir, M.; Petreikov, M.; Hanael, R.;
Levin, I.; Ricard, B.; Rothan, C.; ***Schaffer,***
*** A.A.*** ; Granot, D.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK1.P5)
SOURCE: Plant science, Sept 2002. Vol. 163, No. 3. p. 581-590
Publisher: Oxford, UK : Elsevier Science Ltd.
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND23273288

tomato fruits, is not required for starch biosynthesis in developing fruits.

Dai, N.; German, M.A.; Matsevit, T.; Hanael, R.; Swartzberg, D.; Yeselson, Y.; Petreikov, M.; ***Schaffer, A.A.*** ; Granot, D.

DNAL (QK1.P5)

Plant science, Mar 2002. vol. 162, No. 3. p. 423-430

Publisher: Oxford, UK : Elsevier Science Ltd.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:142983 CABA

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20023080828

TITLE: Sucrose uptake, invertase localization and gene expression in developing fruit of

Lycopersicon esculentum and the sucrose-accumulating ***Lycopersicon*** hirsutum

AUTHOR: Miron, D.; Petreikov, M.; Nir Carmi; Shmuel Shen; Ilan Levin; David Granot; Zamski, E.; ***Schaffer,***
*** A. A.***

CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Field and Garden Crops, Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, 50250, Israel. arnoamya@netvision.net

SOURCE: Physiologia Plantarum, (2002) Vol. 115, No. 1, pp. 35-47. 47 ref.

Publisher: Blackwell Publishing. Oxford

ISSN: 0031-9317

PUB. COUNTRY: United Kingdom

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

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AB Using immunolocalization and differential extraction methods, we showed that only apoplastic invertase, but not vacuolar invertase, was present in the mature, sucrose-accumulating L. hirsutum cv. LA 1777 pericarp. In contrast, in the hexose-accumulating L. esculentum cv. BR-124 fruit, both the apoplastic and vacuolar invertase activities and protein content increased in the mature fruit. Quantitative expression studies of the soluble invertase gene (TIV1) and the apoplastic invertase genes (LINS) showed that only TIV1 gene expression could account for the species and developmental differences of both soluble and insoluble enzyme activity of the pericarp. The expression of the LIN genes encoding for apoplastic ***tomato*** invertases was unrelated to the differences in bound enzyme activity and could not account for the rise in bound invertase activity in the mature L. esculentum fruit. Evidence is presented that the bound invertase activity of ***tomato*** fruit is also the TIV1 gene product. The presence of apoplastic invertase in the mature sucrose-accumulating L. hirsutum fruit suggests a hydrolysis-resynthesis mechanism of sucrose uptake. To test this hypothesis, we studied short- and long-term uptakes of asymmetrically labelled 3H-fructosyl-sucrose accompanied by compartmental analysis of the sugars in attached whole fruits of L. hirsutum and L. esculentum. The results indicate that hydrolysis-resynthesis is slow in the sucrose-accumulating fruit but is not an integral part of an uptake and compartmentation mechanism.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND23272486

TITLE: Characterization of native and yeast-expressed ***tomato*** fruit fructokinase enzymes.

AUTHOR(S): Petreikov, M.; Dai, N.; Granot, D.; ***Schaffer,***
*** A.A.***

AVAILABILITY: DNAL (450 P5622)

SOURCE: Phytochemistry, Nov 2001. Vol. 58, No. 6. p. 841-847

Publisher: Oxford : Elsevier Science Ltd.

CODEN: PYTCAS; ISSN: 0031-9422

NOTE: Includes references

PUB. COUNTRY: England; United Kingdom

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article

LANGUAGE: English

AB Three fructokinase isozymes (FKI, FKII, FKIII) were separated from both immature and ripe ***tomato*** fruit pericarp. All three isozymes were specific for fructose with undetectable activity towards glucose or mannose. The three isozymes could be distinguished from one another with respect to response to fructose, Mg and nucleotide donor concentrations and this allowed the comparison of the fruit enzymes with the gene products of the two known cloned ***tomato*** fructokinase genes, LeFRK1 and LeFRK2. FKI was characterized by both substrate (fructose), as well as Mg, inhibition; FKII was inhibited by neither fructose nor Mg; and FKIII was inhibited by fructose but not by Mg. ATP was the preferred nucleotide donor for all three FKs and FKI showed inhibition by CTP and GTP above 1 mM. All three FKs showed competitive inhibition by ADP. During the maturation of the ***tomato*** fruit total FK activity decreased dramatically. There were decreases in activity of all three FKs, nevertheless, all were still observed in the ripe fruit. The two ***tomato*** LeFRK genes were expressed in yeast and the gene products were characterized with respect to the distinguishing characteristics of fructose, Mg and nucleotide inhibition. Our results indicate that FKI is the gene product of LeFRK2 and FKII is probably the gene product of LeFRK1.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:33462 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND22437308
TITLE: Cloning and characterization of a cDNA encoding hexokinase from ***tomato***.
AUTHOR(S): Menu, T.; Rothan, C.; Dai, N.; Petreikov, M.; Etienne, C.; Destrac-Irvine, A.; ***Schaffer, A.*** ; Granot, D.; Ricard, B.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK1.P5)
SOURCE: Plant science, Jan 5, 2001. Vol. 160, No. 2. p. 209-218
Publisher: Oxford, UK : Elsevier Science Ltd.
CODEN: PLSCE4; ISSN: 0168-9452
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:71709 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND22072221
TITLE: Fgr, a major locus that modulates the fructose to glucose ratio in mature ***tomato*** fruits.
AUTHOR(S): Levin, I.; Gilboa, N.; Yeselson, E.; Shen, S.; ***Schaffer, A.A.***
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (442.8 Z8)
SOURCE: Theoretical and applied genetics, Jan 2000. Vol. 100, No. 2. p. 256-262
Publisher: Berlin; Springer-Verlag
CODEN: THAGA6; ISSN: 0040-5752
NOTE: Includes references
PUB. COUNTRY: West Berlin
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
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LANGUAGE: English

AB A genetic trait determining the ratio of fructose to glucose in mature ***tomato*** fruits is described. A backcross breeding program based on the interspecific cross of ***Lycopersicon*** hirsutum and L. esculentum yielded stable genotypes with a high ratio of fructose to glucose (>1.5:1) compared with the approximately equimolar ratios found in L. esculentum. Two inter-simple sequence repeat (ISSR) DNA sequences, highly associated (20 < LOD score < 21) with the trait, were identified. The markers were found to be less associated with either glucose or fructose levels individually (2 < LOD score < 3) and were statistically unlinked to total sugars and total soluble solids (TSS). These two ISSR bands segregated in a dominant fashion and were found to be allelic to each other, one associated in coupling and the other in repulsion with the

the centromeric region of ***tomato*** chromosome 4. Quantitative analysis of the identified locus, based on data from segregating F2, BC and F3 populations from the cross between genotypes having high and low fructose to glucose ratios, suggested that the *L. hirsutum*-derived allele (*FgrH*), which increases the fructose to glucose ratio, is partially dominant. *FgrH* leads to an increase in fructose levels and a subsequent decrease in glucose levels, with no effect on total hexose levels. Accordingly, we conclude that the *Fgr* locus modulates the partitioning of hexose sugars between fructose and glucose, with no effect on total sugars or TSS.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:37458 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND22048787
TITLE: ADPglucose pyrophosphorylase activity and starch accumulation in immature ***tomato*** fruit: the effect of a ***Lycopersicon*** *hirsutum*-derived introgression encoding for the large subunit.
AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, A.A.*** ; Levin, I.; Oguz, I.; Petreikov, M.; Cincarevsky, F.; Yeselson, Y.; Shen, S.; Gilboa, N.; Bar, M.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Agricultural Research Organization, Bet Dagan, Israel.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK1.P5)
SOURCE: Plant science, Mar 21, 2000. Vol. 152, No. 2. p. 135-144
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:22656 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND22027130
TITLE: Overexpression of arabidopsis hexokinase in ***tomato*** plants inhibits growth, reduces photosynthesis, and induces rapid senescence.
AUTHOR(S): Dai, N.; ***Schaffer, A.*** ; Petreikov, M.; Shahak, Y.; Giller, Y.; Ratner, K.; Levine, A.; Granot, D.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, Israel.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK725.P532)
SOURCE: The Plant cell, July 1999. Vol. 11, No. 7. p. 1253-1266
Publisher: [Rockville, MD : American Society of Plant Physiologists, c1989-
CODEN: PLCEEW; ISSN: 1040-4651
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LANGUAGE: English

AB Sugars are key regulatory molecules that affect diverse processes in higher plants. Hexokinase is the first enzyme in hexose metabolism and may be a sugar sensor that mediates sugar regulation. We present evidence that hexokinase is involved in sensing endogenous levels of sugars in photosynthetic tissues and that it participates in the regulation of senescence, photosynthesis, and growth in seedlings as well as in mature plants. Transgenic ***tomato*** plants overexpressing the Arabidopsis hexokinase-encoding gene *ATHXK1* were produced. Independent transgenic plants carrying single copies of *ATHXK1* were characterized by growth inhibition, the degree of which was found to correlate directly to the expression and activity of *ATHXK1*. Reciprocal grafting experiments suggested that the inhibitory effect occurred when *ATHXK1* was expressed in photosynthetic tissues. Accordingly, plants with increased *ATHXK1* activity had reduced chlorophyll content in their leaves, reduced photosynthesis rates, and reduced photochemical quantum efficiency of photosystem II reaction centers compared with plants without increased *ATHXK1* activity.

that hexokinase is also involved in senescence regulation. Fruit weight, starch content in young fruits, and total soluble solids in mature fruits were also reduced in the transgenic plants. The results indicate that endogenous hexokinase activity is not rate limiting for growth; rather, they support the role of hexokinase as a regulatory enzyme in photosynthetic tissues, in which it regulates photosynthesis, growth, and senescence.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:9614 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND22020409
TITLE: Modification of carbohydrate content in developing
tomato fruit.
AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, A.A.*** ; Petreikov, M.; Miron, D.;
Fogelman, M.; Spiegelman, M.; Bnei-Moshe, Z.; Shen,
S.; Granot, D.; Hadas, R.; Dai, N.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, Israel.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (SB1.H6)
SOURCE: HortScience : a publication of the American Society
for Horticultural Science, Oct 1999. Vol. 34, No. 6.
p. 1024-1027
Publisher: Alexandria, Va. : The American Society for
Horticultural Science.
CODEN: HJHSAR; ISSN: 0018-5345
NOTE: Paper presented at the colloquium "The carbohydrate
economy of horticultural crops" held July 25, 1997,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
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TITLE: Method for breeding tomatoes with superior taste
characteristics and product of the method.
AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, A.*** [Inventor]
CORPORATE SOURCE: Hashmonaim, Israel
ASSIGNEE: PERI DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, LTD.
PATENT INFORMATION: US 5817913 Oct. 6, 1998
SOURCE: Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:8962 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND21961377
TITLE: ***Tomato*** fructokinases exhibit differential
expression and substrate regulation.
AUTHOR(S): Kanayama, Y.; Granot, D.; Dai, N.; Petreikov, M.;
Schaffer, A. ; Powell, A.; Bennett, A.B.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Univeristy of California, California, Davis, CA.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (450 P692)
SOURCE: Plant physiology, May 1998. vol. 117, No. 1. p. 85-90
Publisher: Rockville, MD : American Society of Plant
Physiologists, 1926-
CODEN: PLPHAY; ISSN: 0032-0889
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LANGUAGE: English

AB Two divergent genes encoding fructokinase, Frk1 and Frk2, have been.

esculentum L.) and have now been further characterized with regard to their spatial expression and the enzymic properties of the encoded proteins. Frk1 and Frk2 mRNA levels were coordinately induced by exogenous sugar, indicating that both belong to the growing class of sugar-regulated genes. However, in situ hybridization indicated that Frk1 and Frk2 were expressed in a spatially distinct manner, with Frk2 mRNA primarily localized in cells of the fruit pericarp, which store starch, and Frk1 mRNA distributed ubiquitously in pericarp tissue. To evaluate the biochemical characteristics of the products of the Frk1 and Frk2 genes, each cDNA was expressed in a mutant yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) line defective in hexose phosphorylation and unable to grow on glucose or fructose (Fru). Both Frk1 and Frk2 proteins expressed in yeast conferred the ability to grow on Fru and exhibited fructokinase activity in vitro. Although both Frk1 and Frk2 both utilized Fru as a substrate, only Frk2 activity was inhibited at high Fru concentrations. These results indicate that Frk2 can be distinguished from Frk1 by its sensitivity to substrate inhibition and by its temporal and spatial pattern of expression, which suggests that it plays a primary role in plant cells specialized for starch storage.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:1559 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND20607707
TITLE: Divergent fructokinase genes are differentially expressed in ***tomato***
AUTHOR(S): Kanayama, Y.; Dai, N.; Granot, D.; Petreikov, M.; ***Schaffer, A.*** ; Bennett, A.B.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.
SOURCE: Plant physiology, Apr 1997. Vol. 113, No. 4. p. 1379-1384
Publisher: Rockville, MD : American Society of Plant Physiologists, 1926-
CODEN: PLPHAY; ISSN: 0032-0889
NOTE: Includes references
PUB. COUNTRY: Maryland; United States
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Conference
FILE SEGMENT: U.S. Imprints not USDA, Experiment or Extension
LANGUAGE: English

AB Two cDNA clones (Frk1 and Frk2) encoding fructokinase (EC 2.7.1.4) were isolated from ***tomato*** (***Lycopersicon*** esculentum). The Frk2 cDNA encoded a deduced protein of 328 amino acids that was more than 90% identical with a previously characterized potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) fructokinase. In contrast, the Frk1 cDNA encoded a deduced protein of 347 amino acids that shared only 55% amino acid identity with Frk2. Both deduced proteins possessed an ATP-binding motif and putative substrate recognition site sequences identified in bacterial fructokinases. The Frk1 cDNA was expressed in a mutant yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) line, which lacks the ability to phosphorylate glucose and fructose and is unable to grow on glucose or fructose. Mutant cells expressing Frk1 were complemented to grow on fructose but not glucose, indicating that Frk1 phosphorylates fructose but not glucose, and this activity was verified in extracts of transformed yeast. The mRNA corresponding to Frk2 accumulated to high levels in young, developing ***tomato*** fruit, whereas the Frk1 mRNA accumulated to higher levels late in fruit development. The results indicate that fructokinase in ***tomato*** is encoded by two divergent genes, which exhibit a differential pattern of expression during fruit development.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:26410 CABA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 19980301844
TITLE: Inhibition of fructokinase and sucrose synthase by cytosolic levels of fructose in young ***tomato*** fruit undergoing transient starch synthesis
AUTHOR: ***Schaffer, A. A.*** ; Petreikov, M.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Dept of Vegetable Crops, Volcani Center-ARO, 50250, Bet Dagan, Israel.
SOURCE: Physiologia Plantarum, (1997) vol. 101, No. 4, pp. 800-806. 41 ref.
ISSN: 0031-9317
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
LANGUAGE: English
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 19980309

AB Compartmental analysis of immature ***tomato*** fruit pericarp showed that fructose was not specifically compartmentalized in the vacuole and that physiological cytosolic concentrations of fructose in young ***tomato*** fruit were above 30 mM. Such physiological levels of fructose significantly inhibited sucrose synthase (EC 2.4.1.13) cleavage activity as well as the activity of a partially purified fructokinase (EC 2.7.1.4). These data suggest a mechanism of a coordinated, in vivo regulation of ***tomato*** sucrose synthase and fructokinase activity, which may be potentially limiting to starch accumulation in young ***tomato*** fruit.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 97:74272 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND20589779
TITLE: Sucrose-to-starch metabolism in ***tomato*** fruit undergoing transient starch accumulation.
AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, A.A.*** ; Petreikov, M.
CORPORATE SOURCE: Agricultural Research Organization, Bet Dagan, Israel.
SOURCE: Plant physiology, Mar 1997. Vol. 113, No. 3. p. 739-746
Publisher: Rockville, MD : American Society of Plant Physiologists, 1926-
CODEN: PLPHAY; ISSN: 0032-0889
NOTE: Includes references
PUB. COUNTRY: Maryland; United States
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Conference
FILE SEGMENT: U.S. Imprints not USDA, Experiment or Extension
LANGUAGE: English

AB Immature green ***tomato*** (***Lycopersicon*** esculentum) fruits undergo a period of transient starch accumulation characterized by developmental changes in the activities of key enzymes in the sucrose (Suc)-to-starch metabolic pathway. Activities of Suc synthase, fructokinase, ADP-glucose (Glc) pyrophosphorylase, and soluble and insoluble starch synthases decline dramatically in parallel to the decrease in starch levels in the developing fruit. Comparison of "maximal" in vitro activities of the enzymes in the Suc-to-starch pathway suggests that these same enzymes are limiting to the rate of starch accumulation. In contrast, activities of invertase, UDP-Glc pyrophosphorylase, nucleoside diphosphate kinase, phosphoglucosomerase, and phosphoglucosomutase do not exhibit dramatic decreases in activity and appear to be in excess of starch accumulation rates. Starch accumulation is spatially localized in the inner and radial pericarp and columella, whereas the outer pericarp and seed locule contain little starch. The seed locule is characterized by lower activities of Suc synthase, UDP-Glc pyrophosphorylase, phosphoglucosomutase, ADP-Glc pyrophosphorylase, and soluble and insoluble starch synthases. The outer pericarp exhibits comparatively lower activities of ADP-Glc pyrophosphorylase and insoluble starch synthase only. These data are discussed in terms of the developmental and tissue-specific coordinated control of Suc-to-starch metabolism.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997:334245 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199799633448
TITLE: Modification of carbohydrate content in developing ***tomato*** fruit.
AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, Arthur A.*** ; Petreikov, Marina; Miron, Daphne; Fogelman, Miriam; Spiegelman, Moshe; Bnei-Moshe, Zecharia; Shen, Shmuel; Granot, David; Hadas, Rivka; Dai, Nir; Bar, Moshe; Friedman, Michael; Gilboa, Meir Pilowsky Nehama; Chen, Leah
CORPORATE SOURCE: Inst. Field Garden Crops, ARO-Volcani Cent., Jerusalem, Israel
SOURCE: Hortscience, (1997) Vol. 32, No. 3, pp. 551.
Meeting Info.: 94th Annual International Conference of the American Society for Horticultural Science. Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. July 23-26, 1997.
CODEN: HJHSAR. ISSN: 0018-5345.
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; (Meeting)
Conference; Abstract; (Meeting Abstract)
LANGUAGE: English
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 5 Aug 1997
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 CCESSION NUMBER: 96:97028 CABA
 OCUMENT NUMBER: 19960706579
 ITLE: Photoassimilate distribution in plants and crops:
 source-sink relationships
 UTHOR: Zamski, E. [EDITOR]; ***Schaffer, A. A.***
 *** [EDITOR]***
 ORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Agricultural Botany, Hebrew University
 of Jerusalem, Rehovot, Israel.
 SOURCE: Photoassimilate distribution in plants and crops:
 source-sink relationships, (1996) pp. xii + 905.
 ref. at ends of papers, Books in Soils, Plants and
 the Environment.
 Publisher: Marcel Dekker Inc. New York
 Price: \$250
 ISBN: 0-8247-9440-0
 UB. COUNTRY: United States
 OCUMENT TYPE: Book
 ANGUAGE: English
 NTRY DATE: Entered STN: 19960814
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B This comprehensive textbook takes a broad, interdisciplinary approach to
 the study of photoassimilate partitioning and source sink relationships.
 The components of carbon partitioning are examined in detail including
 ecology, photosynthesis, loading, transport and anatomy. The impact of
 genetic, environmental and agrotechnological factors on whole-plant source
 sink physiology are also discussed. Thirty-seven chapters are arranged in
 3 sections: physiological and metabolic aspects of the components of
 source-sink relationships (12 chapters); the integration of source-sink
 components (9); and whole-plant source sink relationships of selected
 crops (16). Crops discussed in detail include wheat, rice, maize,
 soyabeans, peas, sugarcane, carrots, sugarbeet, tomatoes, cucurbits,
 alfalfa, turfgrasses, Citrus, Prunus, grapes and roses.

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 CCESSION NUMBER: 97:65875 AGRICOLA
 OCUMENT NUMBER: CAT10832822
 ITLE: Sucrose metabolism in developing fruit of wild and
 cultivated ***Lycopersicon*** species.
 UTHOR(S): Bennett, Alan B.; ***Schaffer, Arthur A.***
 ORPORATE SOURCE: United States-Israel Binational Agricultural Research
 and Development Fund
 VAILABILITY: DNAL (SB349.B46 1996)
 SOURCE: 1996 40 leaves : ill. ; 28 cm
 Publisher: [Bet Dagan, Israel] : BARD, 1996.
 NOTE: Final report.
 Project no. US-1872-90.
 Includes bibliographical references.
 UB. COUNTRY: Israel
 OCUMENT TYPE: Bibliography; (MONOGRAPH)
 ILE SEGMENT: Non-U.S. Imprint other than FAO
 ANGUAGE: English

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 CCESSION NUMBER: 1997:92900 BIOSIS
 OCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199799392103
 ITLE: Biochemical mechanism of sucrose accumulation in
 Lycopersicon
 UTHOR(S): Miron, D. [Reprint author]; Izhar, S. [Reprint author];
 Schaffer, A. A. [Reprint author]; Zamski, E.
 ORPORATE SOURCE: Inst. Field Crops, ARO-Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, Israel
 SOURCE: Journal of Experimental Botany, (1996) Vol. 47, No. SPEC.
 ISSUE, pp. 1311.
 Meeting Info.: International Conference on the Transport of
 Photoassimilates. Canterbury, England, UK. August 13-17,
 1995.
 CODEN: JEBOA6. ISSN: 0022-0957.
 OCUMENT TYPE: Conference; (Meeting)
 Conference; Abstract; (Meeting Abstract)
 ANGUAGE: English
 NTRY DATE: Entered STN: 3 Mar 1997
 Last Updated on STN: 3 Mar 1997

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997:92898 BIOSIS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199799392101
 TITLE: Tissue localization of sucrose to starch metabolism in young ***tomato*** fruit.
 AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, A. A.*** ; Petreikov, M.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Vegetable Crops, Volcani Centre-ARO, Bet Dagan, Israel
 SOURCE: Journal of Experimental Botany, (1996) Vol. 47, No. SPEC. ISSUE, pp. 1310-1311.
 Meeting Info.: International Conference on the Transport of Photoassimilates. Canterbury, England, UK. August 13-17, 1995.
 CODEN: JEBOA6. ISSN: 0022-0957.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; (Meeting)
 Conference; Abstract; (Meeting Abstract)
 LANGUAGE: English
 ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 3 Mar 1997
 Last Updated on STN: 2 Apr 1997

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997:92897 BIOSIS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199799392100
 TITLE: Cloning, expression and analysis of plant carbohydrate metabolism genes in yeast.
 AUTHOR(S): Dai, N. [Reprint author]; Granot, D. [Reprint author];
 Schaffer, A. ; Petreikov, M.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Field Crops Natural Resources, Inst. Field Garden Crops,
 Agric. Research Organization, Bet Dagan, Israel
 SOURCE: Journal of Experimental Botany, (1996) Vol. 47, No. SPEC. ISSUE, pp. 1310.
 Meeting Info.: International Conference on the Transport of Photoassimilates. Canterbury, England, UK. August 13-17, 1995.
 CODEN: JEBOA6. ISSN: 0022-0957.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; (Meeting)
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 LANGUAGE: English
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 95:43853 AGRICOLA
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND20468615
 TITLE: PCR-generated molecular markers for the invertase gene and sucrose accumulation in ***tomato***.
 AUTHOR(S): Hadas, R.; ***Schaffer, A.*** ; Miron, D.;
 Fogelman, M.; Granot, D.
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Agricultural Research Organization, The Volcani
 Center, Bet Dagan, Israel.
 AVAILABILITY: DNAL (442.8 Z8)
 SOURCE: Theoretical and applied genetics, June 1995. vol. 90,
 No. 7/8. p. 1142-1148
 Publisher: Berlin; Springer-Verlag
 CODEN: THAGA6; ISSN: 0040-5752
 NOTE: Includes references
 PUB. COUNTRY: West Berlin
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
 FILE SEGMENT: Non-U.S. Imprint other than FAO
 LANGUAGE: English

AB The green-fruited ***tomato*** species, ***Lycopersicon***
 hirsutum, unlike the domesticated red-fruited species, L. esculentum,
 accumulates sucrose during the final stages of fruit development,
 concomitant with the loss of soluble acid invertase activity. In order to
 study the genetic linkage of sucrose accumulation to the invertase gene,
 part of the invertase gene from L. hirsutum was cloned, sequenced and the
 sequence compared with the invertase sequence of the red-fruited L.
 esculentum. Several base changes were found in the coding region of the
 two invertase genes. Based on these base-pair differences, we developed a
 species-specific PCR assay capable of determining, in a single PCR
 reaction, the origin of the invertase gene in segregating seedlings of an
 interspecific cross. Our results indicate that the invertase gene is
 genetically linked to sucrose accumulation in the green-fruited L.
 hirsutum.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1993:402340 BIOSIS
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199345061165
 TITLE: Biochemistry of transient starch accumulation in young
 tomato fruit.
 AUTHOR(S): ***Schaffer, Arthur A.*** ; Petreikov, Marina
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Vegetable Crops, Volcani Cent., ARO, Bet Dagan, Israel
 SOURCE: Plant Physiology (Rockville), (1993) Vol. 102, No. 1
 SUPPL., pp. 28.
 Meeting Info.: Joint Annual Meeting of the American Society
 of Plant Physiologists and the Canadian Society of Plant
 Physiologists (La Societe Canadienne de Physiologie
 Vegetale). Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. July 31-August 4,
 1993.
 CODEN: PLPHAY. ISSN: 0032-0889.
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; (Meeting)
 LANGUAGE: English
 ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 30 Aug 1993
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 92:99916 AGRICOLA
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: CAT92987415
 TITLE: Sucrose metabolism in developing fruits of cultivated
 and wild ***Lycopersicon*** species.
 AUTHOR(S): Bennett, Alan B.; ***Schaffer, Arthur A.***
 CORPORATE SOURCE: United States-Israel Binational Agricultural Research
 and Development Fund
 AVAILABILITY: DNAL (SB349.B47 1992)
 SOURCE: 1992 19 leaves : ill. ; 28 cm
 Publisher: Bet Dagan, Israel : BARD, 1992.
 NOTE: Final report.
 Project no. US-1321-87.
 Includes bibliographical references (leaves 17-19).
 Israel
 PUB. COUNTRY: Bibliography; (MONOGRAPH)
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Non-U.S. Imprint other than FAO
 FILE SEGMENT: English
 LANGUAGE:

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 91:75941 CABA
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 19910305702
 TITLE: Sucrose phosphate synthase, sucrose synthase, and
 invertase activities in developing fruit of
 Lycopersicon esculentum Mill. and the
 sucrose accumulating ***Lycopersicon*** hirsutum
 Humb. and Bonpl
 AUTHOR: Miron, D.; ***Schaffer, A. A.***
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Vegetable Crops, Agricultural Research
 Organization, Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, 50250,
 Israel.
 SOURCE: Plant Physiology, (1991) Vol. 95, No. 2, pp.
 623-627. 26 ref.
 ISSN: 0032-0889
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal
 LANGUAGE: English
 ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 19941101
 Last Updated on STN: 19941101

AB The green-fruited *L. hirsutum* accumulated sucrose to concentrations of
 about 118 [micro]mol/g FW during the final stages of development. In
 comparison, *L. esculentum* cultivars contained less than 15 [micro]mol/g FW
 of sucrose at the ripe stage. Glucose and fructose levels remained
 relatively constant throughout development in *L. hirsutum* at 22-50
 [micro]mol/g FW each. Starch content was low even at early stages of
 development, and declined further with development. Soluble acid invertase
 activity declined concomitant with the rise in sucrose content. Acid
 invertase activity, which was solubilized in 1 M NaCl (presumably
 cell-wall bound), remained constant throughout development (about 3
 [micro]mol of reducing sugars g FW⁻¹ h⁻¹). Sucrose phosphate synthase
 activity was present at about 5 [micro]mol of sucrose g FW⁻¹ h⁻¹ even at
 early stages of development, and increased sharply to about 40 [micro]mol
 of sucrose g FW⁻¹ h⁻¹ at the final stages of development studied, parallel
 to the rise in sucrose content. In comparison, sucrose phosphate synthase
 activity in *L. esculentum* remained low throughout development. The

accumulation are discussed.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1991:515178 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199141115893; BR41:115893
TITLE: INVOLVEMENT OF SUGARS IN THE MECHANISM OF HERBICIDE-INDUCED
RESISTANCE.
AUTHOR(S): BLAIER B [Reprint author]; COHEN R; ***SCHAFER A A*** ;
KATAN J
CORPORATE SOURCE: DEP VEGETABLE CROPS, ARO, NEWE YA'AR EXP STN, HAIFA POST
31999, ISRAEL
SOURCE: Phytoparasitica, (1991) Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 246-247.
Meeting Info.: SECOND ISRAELI-ITALIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL
SYMPOSIUM, BELGIRATE, ITALY, JULY 14-17, 1991.
PHYTOPARASITICA.
CODEN: PHPRA2. ISSN: 0334-2123.
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; (Meeting)
FILE SEGMENT: BR
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 14 Nov 1991
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:9545 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND43616884
TITLE: Suppression of fructokinase encoded by LeFRK2 in
tomato stem inhibits growth and causes wilting
of young leaves.
AUTHOR(S): German, M.A.; Dai, N.; Matsevitz, T.; Hanael, R.;
Petreikov, M.; Bernstein, N.; Ioffe, M.; Shahak, Y.;
Schaffer, A.A. ; Granot, D.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK710.P68)
SOURCE: Plant journal, p. 837-846
ISSN: 0960-7412
NOTE: Includes references
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
FILE SEGMENT: Non US
LANGUAGE: English

AB Fructokinases catalyze the key step of fructose phosphorylation in plants.
LeFRK2, the major fructokinase-encoding gene in ***tomato*** plants,
is abundantly expressed in roots, stems, and fruits. To analyze the role
of LeFRK2 in plant development, we analyzed transgenic ***tomato***
plants with sense and antisense expression of StFRK, the potato homolog of
LeFRK2. Increased fructokinase activity had no effect. However, plants in
which LeFRK2 was specifically suppressed, either via antisense suppression
or via co-suppression, exhibited growth inhibition and wilting of young
leaves at daytime. Grafting experiments indicated that a stem interstock
of antisense plants was sufficient to inhibit growth and cause leaf
wilting. Stem secondary xylem exhibited particular suppression of LeFRK2
and the area of active xylem, estimated by eosin uptake, was significantly
smaller in antisense stem compared to that of wild-type plants. These
results suggest that LeFRK2 might be required for proper development of
xylem that affected growth and wilting.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:11061 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND43618495
TITLE: Cloning, expression and characterization of LeFRK3,
the fourth ***tomato*** (***Lycopersicon***
esculentum Mill.) gene encoding fructokinase.
AUTHOR(S): German, M.A.; Asher, I.; Petreikov, M.; Dai, N.;
Schaffer, A.A. ; Granot, D.
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK1.P5)
SOURCE: Plant science, p. 285-291
ISSN: 0168-9452
NOTE: Includes references
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
FILE SEGMENT: Non US
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:7325 AGRICOLA
DOCUMENT NUMBER: IND43614445
TITLE: Cloning and functional expression of alkaline
(alpha)-galactosidase from melon fruit: similarity to
plant SIP proteins uncovers a novel family of plant
glycosyl hydrolases.
AUTHOR(S): Carmi, N.; Zhang, G.; Petreikov, M.; Gao, Z.; Eyal,
Y.; Granot, D.; ***Schaffer, A.A.***
AVAILABILITY: DNAL (QK710.P68)
SOURCE: Plant journal, p. 97-106
ISSN: 0960-7412
NOTE: Includes references
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article
FILE SEGMENT: Non US
LANGUAGE: English
AB Raffinose and stachyose are ubiquitous galactosyl-sucrose oligosaccharides
in the plant kingdom which play major roles, second only to sucrose, in
photoassimilate translocation and seed carbohydrate storage. These sugars
are initially metabolised by (alpha)-galactosidases (alpha-gal). We
report the cloning and functional expression of the first genes, CmAGA1
and CmAGA2, encoding for plant (alpha)-gals with alkaline pH optima from
melon fruit (*Cucumis melo* L.), a raffinose and stachyose translocating
species. The alkaline (alpha)-gal genes show very high sequence homology
with a family of undefined 'seed imbibition proteins' (SIPs) which are
present in a wide range of plant families. In order to confirm the
function of SIP proteins, a representative SIP gene, from ***tomato***
, was expressed and shown to have alkaline (alpha)-gal activity.
Phylogenetic analysis based on amino acid sequences shows that the family
of alkaline (alpha)-gals shares little homology with the known prokaryotic
and eukaryotic (alpha)-gals of glycosyl hydrolase families 27 and 36, with
the exception of two cross-family conserved sequences containing
aspartates which probably function in the catalytic step. This previously
uncharacterised, plant-specific (alpha)-gal family of glycosyl hydrolases,
with optimal activity at neutral-alkaline pH likely functions in key
processes of galactosyl-oligosaccharide metabolism, such as during seed
germination and translocation of RFO photosynthate.

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